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Title: Discussion on the motion for consideration of the Statutory Resolution regarding Disapproval of National Food Security Ordinance, 2013 (No. 7 of 2013) and National Food Security Bill, 2013 (Discussion not concluded).

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The House may now take up item Nos. 23 and 24 together, namely, Statutory Resolution on the disapproval of the National Food Security Ordinance, 2013 and National Food Security Bill, 2013..

1. Shri Gurudas Dasgupta : Not present

2. Shri Basudeb Acharia : Not present

3. Shri Raju Shetti : Not present.

...(*Interruptions*)

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI (VARANASI): Sir, let the House be brought to order...(*Interruptions*) महोदय, लोगों को मालूम नहीं है कि इस समय यह आने वाला है।...(व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. Members, please go back to your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please go back to your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : कृपया अपने स्थानों पर वापस जाइए। सदन को चलने दीजिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : किसी की बात रिकार्ड पर नहीं जाएगी।

*(Interruptions) â€¦**

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER Shri Prabodh Panda.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): I beg to move the following Resolution:

> "That this House disapproves of the National Food Security Ordinance, 2013 (No.7 of 2013) promulgated by the President on 5 July, 2013. "

Sir, I am moving this Resolution because Food Security Bill is a very important Bill. This is not just an ordinary Bill. It is an important Bill about which each and every person in the country is concerned aboutâ€¦...(*Interruptions*)

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): I beg to move:

> "That the Bill to provide for food and nutritional security in human life cycle approach, by ensuring access to

adequate quantity of quality food at affordable prices to people to live a life with dignity and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, be taken into consideration."

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please go back to your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : आप कृपया अपने स्थानों पर जाइए। सदन को चलने दीजिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

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FOOD SECURITY ORDINANCE,2013

AND

NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY BILL, 2013 – Contd.

MADAM SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): Respected Speaker, in the 150th birth anniversary year, the greatest tribute that the nation can pay Swami Vivekananda is to create a platform for millions to deal with their hunger and ensure food security to all. "So long as the millions live in hunger and ignorance, I hold every person a traitor who, having been educated at their expense, pays not the least heed to them!" As leaders of this nation, it is our responsibility to fulfill what is our duty. ...(*Interruptions*)

The founding fathers and mothers of the Indian Constitution have envisioned a citizenry free of hunger through the fundamental right to life (Article 21) and the Directive Principle that directs the State to raise the level of nutrition of the people (Article 47)....(*Interruptions*)

This Government has been making the paradigmatic shift in converting the schemes from being doles by the Government to rightful claims by the citizens. Right to Information, Education and Work have got their respectful status as operational rights. The National Food Security Act is also in that direction, which I am sure, the Constitution-makers would now be very proud of. (*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet at 3 p.m.

14.45 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till

Fifteen of the Clock.

15.00 hrs

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Fifteen of the Clock.

(Madam Speaker *in the Chair*)

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15.01 hrs

At this stage, Shri K. Narayan Rao and some other hon. Members came

and stood on the floor near the Table.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Minister to continue please.

...(*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): As a legal right, sanctified by the law, its existence would not be changed by any change in Government or for that purpose owing to any political instability....(*Interruptions*) Locating the scheme as part of Article 21 provides the Act its due status; and provides the issue of hunger its due importance. With this Act, the Government will fulfill its promise to make food, work, education and information operational fundamental rights for every citizen of this country.â€¦ (*Interruptions*)

The Standing Committee reviewed the initial Food Security Bill from January 5, 2012 to January 17, 2013, when it submitted its report....(*Interruptions*) It recommended the Bill, with only one member recording the dissent. Recommendations were then shared with States in a meeting on 13th February 2013...(*Interruptions*) Most of the recommendations of the Standing Committee have been accepted by the Government; and the Bill found place in list of the business of the Houses in the Budget Session....(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Please go back to your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Madam, put the House in order. We cannot hear what the hon. Minister is saying. Such an important Bill cannot be taken in this way. ...(*Interruptions*)

श्री शैलेन्द्र कुमार (कौशाम्बी): अध्यक्ष महोदया, कुछ समझ में नहीं आ रहा है कि मंत्री जी क्या बोल रहे हैं।...(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: Please go back to your seats. Do not go on like this.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Please go back to your seats.

...(*Interruptions*)

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NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY BILL, 2013 –contd.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now we will start the discussion on the Bill.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please keep quiet.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): The Standing Committee reviewed the initial Food Security Bill and submitted its report on January 17, 2013 with only one Member recording dissent...(*Interruptions*). The recommendations were then shared with the States in a meeting on 13th February, 2013...(*Interruptions*). Most of the recommendations have been accepted by the Government and the Bill was listed in the List of Business of the House in the Budget Session...(*Interruptions*). But the Bill could not be considered due to frequent adjournments of the House...(*Interruptions*). There is unanimity on the Bill, which can be seen from the Standing Committee's recommendations and the four year long promise by the President of India on the floor of this House, the Government of India decided to promulgate an Ordinance on 15.7.2013. ...(*Interruptions*). Now we are here to get the sanction of this House.

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 4.00 p.m.

15.04 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Sixteen

of the Clock.

श्री निशिकांत दुबे (गोड्डा): यह अनाज का मामला है। हाउस आर्डर में नहीं आएगा तो कैसे काम होगा? ...(व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2.30 p.m.

14.08 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till thirty minutes past

Fourteen of the Clock.

14.30hrs

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Thirty Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

(Madam Speaker *in the Chair*)